(c) if not, the latest stage thereof; and

(d) the cultivable area in the State that can be brought under irrigation through ground water resources?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES(SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Yes, Sir. The Central Ground Water Board has completed the systematic Hydrogeological survey of the Ground Water resources in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) The annually replenishable ground water resources of the state, are estimated at 43.366 cubic kilometer.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The cultivable area in the State that can be brought under irrigation through ground water resources has been tentatively assessed at 5. 18 million hectares.

Excise Duty, Sales Tax on Petrol and Diesel

4718. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the breakup of Excise duty Sales Tax, etc. on a liter of Petrol and Diesel as on October 1, 1991; and

(b) the revenue earned by the Union Government under this head?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) The excise duty inclusive of special excise duty of on petrol & diesel at normal temperature are as follows:-

	(Rs./per Liter)
Petrol (MS-87)	2.44
Diesel (HSD)	0.35
Sales Tax varies from State to State/U.T.s	

(b)The Revenue earned from the excisy duty on Petrol & Diesel during 1990-91 are approximately as indicated below:-

	(Rs./crores)
Petrol (including Raw Naphtha & SBPS)	1200
Diesel Oil	728

[*Translation*]

Reduction in supply of Oil Production

4719. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil Coordination Committee has recommended substantial reduction in supplies of oil production;

(b) if so, to what extent, the original demand has been reduced;

(c) the foreign exchange; likely to be saved therefrom; and

(d) the time by which the recommendations of the Committee are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

[*English*]

Import of Oil and Petroleum Products

4720. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have approved five major projects of the ONGC for development of oil fields;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total cost involved;

(c) the time by which they are likely to be completed;

(d) the total amount of oil and petroleum products imported during the first six months of 1990-91 and 1991-92 separately;

(e) whether the Government have issued any directive for reducing the import of oil during 1991-92; and

(f) if so, the out come thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISRTY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. The Government have sanctioned five oil field development projects since October, 1990. These are projects for the development of the Neelam, Mukta and Panna oil fields in the Western offshore and the additional development of the L-II and L-III reservoirs of Bombay High field. The projects are estimated to cost about Rupees Eight Thousand crores. Subjects are estimated to cost about Rupees Eight Thousand crores. Subject to timely release of foreign exchange and award of work, the projects are slated for commissioning in the first half of 1994.

(d) During April-Sept., 1991 a total of 14.02 MMT crude oil and petroleum products have been imported as compared to 13.22 MMT during April-Sept., 1990.

(e) and (f). Import of oil is done in accordance with Oil Economy Budget which is made after taking into account the relevant factors.

Supply of Safetarboots to Workers of Steel Plants

4721. SHRI M.V. CHANDRASEKHARA MURTHY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the workers in the steel plants have been demanding proper safety boots/shoes to avoid accidents etc.;

(b) whether the steel plants have such boots/shoes from private sector industries alone and which are not upto the standard;

(c) whether the steel plants have approached any public sector manufacturing units of boots/shoes; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL(SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEB): (a) to (d). Safety boots of required quality/standards are issued, as a matter of policy to the workers in steel plants as a measure of safety. Steel Plants in the Public Sector have been procuring safety shoes after issuing enquiries to industries under public sector as well as private sector. However, orders for procurement are finalised after taking into account factors like, quality, specifications of the product, price quoted, performance of the parties, etc.